

## REMARKS

### Election

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-12, 18-20, drawn to a protein microarray, classified in class 435, subclass 287.1.

II. Claims 13-16, drawn to a method of screening for rheumatoid arthritis, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

III. Claim 17, drawn to a method of treating rheumatoid arthritis, classified in class 424, subclass 1.17.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group II, that is, Claims 13-16.

### Amendments to Claims

Claim 13-16 and 21-36 are currently pending. Claims 1-12 and 17-20 have been canceled as being drawn to non-elected species and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability. New Claims 21-36 are currently submitted. The new claims are supported throughout the specification, for example in the original claims. Claim 13 has been amended. Support for the amended claim can be found throughout the specification, for example in the original claims and in paragraph [0029].

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### CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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